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USSR PLANTS FAIL TO MEET NEW GOALS
FOR FARM MACHINES, TRACTORS, AND PARTS

Many plants are making wholehearted efforts to fulfill the goals set by the September Plenum of the Central Committee CPSU and to supply more machines, materials, and spare parts to MTS, sovkhozes, and kolkhozes. The Khar'kov Tractor Plant shipped many tractors and a large quantity of spare parts above its assignment for the first 10 months of 1953. The L'vov L'vovsel'mash Plant produced many above-plan fodder steamers for animal husbandry farms.

However, many enterprises and some ministries are not taking concrete measures to improve the supply of agricultural equipment and materials. In the first 10 months of 1953, agricultural machine building enterprises failed to deliver thousands of tractor cultivators, and hundreds of cotton pickers, self-propelled mowers, and sugar-beet harvesting combines. New machines for mechanizing the growing of potatoes and other vegetables, and for mechanizing tasks in animal husbandry, are not being readied for production with sufficient speed. Shipulin, director of the Frunze Agricultural Machine Building Plant, asserted in September that his plant would not only make up its production deficit, but also fulfill the 1953 plan ahead of schedule. But in October, his plant fulfilled the plan for hay stackers by less than half, and failed to meet its plan for the production of a number of other machines.

The Ministry of Machine Building was assigned to produce and deliver in 1953 additional plowing tractors and a number of new machines for growing and harvesting potatoes and other vegetables. Delivery of many of these machines has not yet begun. Such indifference to important orders cannot be tolerated. A number of enterprises of the Ministry of Machine Building have been assigned to cooperate with the Ryazan' Ryazsel'mash Plant in the production of KOK-2 potato harvesting combines. The directors of these enterprises received their assignments for making parts and units of potato harvesting combines at the beginning of September, but many of them took an irresponsible attitude toward these orders. The Moscow First State Bearing Plant (director, Devyatov), did

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not send the Ryazsel'mash Plant a single bearing unit for combines in September and October. The Moscow Small Displacement Motor Vehicle Plant was assigned to make 1,400 transmissions for KOK-2 combines, but Yakovlev, director of the plant, pigeonholed the order. The Moscow plant has not delivered a single combine transmission to date.

Main administrations of the Ministry of Machine Building issue decrees and orders calling for increased output of equipment for agricultural purposes, but there is no effective system for seeing that these decrees and orders are carried out.

Other ministries and enterprises are failing to carry out their assignments for supplying materials and equipment for the needs of agriculture. In the first 10 months of 1953, the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry fulfilled its plan for delivering logs and lumber by only 60 percent. The Arkhangel'sk, Kirov, and Sverdlovsk administrations of Glavlesosbyt (Main Administration of Timber Sales) have been particularly remiss in shipping timber products for agricultural needs.

Some enterprises of the Ministry of Electric Power Stations and Electrical Industry are behind schedule in deliveries of electric motors, power transformers, armored cable, and a number of other products to MTS, sovkhozes, and kolkhozes. Among the plants not fulfilling their assignments are the Yerevan and Baku transformer plants, the Leningrad Sevkabel' Plant, and others.

The Ministry of Machine Building and the Ministry of Transport and Heavy Machine Building have not taken effective measures to increase the output of tractor spare parts and to make up the production deficit incurred in tractor spare parts in the first three quarters of 1953. In the first 10 months of 1953, the Ministry of Machine Building failed to fulfill its plan for 23 designations of tractor parts in short supply; while the Ministry of Transport and Heavy Machine Building failed to fulfill its plan for 26 designations of parts. Failure to produce sufficient spare parts at large enterprises such as the Stalingrad and Rubtsovsk Altay tractor plants and the Omsk Sibzavod Plant cannot be tolerated.

Drastic measures are needed to increase the output of spare parts for agricultural machines at the Lyubertsy Plant imeni Ukhtomskiy, the Tashkent Uzbeksel'mash Plant, and other plants.

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